(c) the total outlay, annual allocation and commission schedule during Eleventh Five Year Plan period;

(d) whether breached portion of this track is restored fully;

(e) if so, the details thereof:

(f) whether his Ministry has finalized the extension of Dangori-Saikhowa, 5.68 kilometre of NF Railway within the current financial year as surveyed earlier; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Rangiya-Rangpara is planned for completion by March 2010 and balance by March 2012.

The earthwork and bridge works between Rangiya-Rangpara have been taken up. The tender for balance portion is under process. Allocation from Railways Gross Budgetary Support during 2008-09 is Rs.75.00 crores.

(b) The work is being executed as per availability of resources. This project was declared at, National Project in December, 2006.

(c) The latest anticipated cost of project is Rs.915.70 crore. The yearly outlays will get finalized at the time of budget as per availability of resources. The schedule of completion is indicated in reply to part (a) above.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. The four bridges involved have been restored with temporary service girders.

(f) and (g) No, Sir. However, survey for construction of new BG line from Dangri to Dhola (5.683 Km) has been completed.

Escorts in trains

1385. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has agreed to provide escorts in all trains coming from U.P. and Bihar in Maharashtra;

(b) whether he has also stated that he would not hesitate to suspend trains lacking security;

(c) if so, when final decision in this regard has been taken; and

(d) whether all the trains in the country have been provided escorts, and if not the main reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. As far as possible, all trains running from U.P. and Bihar to Maharashtra were provided with Railway Protection Force (RPF) / Government Railway Police (GRP) escorts.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Due to acute shortage of manpower, all the trains are not provided with escorts. However, most of the important trains are provided with RPF / GRP escorts during night.

Fixation of pay of running staff

1386. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the basic pay of running staff is more than the ordinary staff in the Ministry of Railways after the implementation of recommendation of Sixth Central Pay Commission (CPC); and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the formula adopted for fixation of pay of running staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The revised pay in the pay band of running staff has been computed in the following manner : The existing basic pay as on 1.1.2006 has been multiplied by a factor of 1.86 and the sum so arrived is added by an amount representing DA on the pay element @ 86% of 30% of existing basic pay. The resultant figure has been rounded off to next multiple of 10. After determining the pay in the pay band in above manner, grade pay corresponding to the existing scale is payable. In case of other staff the pay in the pay band has been fixed simply by multiplying basic pay as on 01.01.2006 by a factor of 1.86. The dearness allowance to running staff is payable on basic pay and pay element of running allowance, while the same is payable to other employees on the basic pay alone. Due to this fact the revised basic pay of running staff at a particular stage in any specific existing (pre-revised) pay scale is generally higher than an ordinary staff at corresponding pre-revised stage & scale, after implementation of Sixth Central Pay Commission pay structure.

Proposals from Maharashtra for railway projects

1387. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals and other particulars for construction of new lines, doubling/widening of existing railway lines received from Maharashtra Government which are pending for consideration and approval in last three years, year-wise;

(b) when these proposals were received from Maharashtra Government; and

(c) the present status and by when a final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Projects affected by global meltdown

1388. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRJ VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the global meltdown is threatening to take a toll on the Indian Railways and the early warning signals are here;